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## WAITE FEIGNING INSANITY, STATE AIMS TO PROVE

Three Alienists Will Testify That Murderer Is Cleverly Shamming.

### DEFENSE RESTS ITS CASE

Alienists Declare Dentist Is "Moral Idiot" and Not Responsible for Acts.

### SLAYER SAID HE NEVER LOVED

Told Experts He Intended to Murder His Wife Within Six Months. Planned Hudson Estate.

By T. B. HANLY.  
(Sun News Service.)  
New York, May 26.—That Dr. Arthur Warren Waite is a "moral idiot," and, therefore, not legally responsible for the murder of John E. Peck, or Mrs. Peck, was the testimony today of Dr. Morris J. Karpas and Allen Ross Diefendorf, alienists retained in behalf of the man on trial before Justice Shearn in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court. Upon their testimony the defendant bases his entire hope of escaping the electric chair, for with them and Miss Catherine Peck, as a witness on a collateral matter, his counsel, Walter R. Deuel, rested his defense tonight.

The rebuttal, which will take a part of tomorrow morning's session, will be intended to show that the man is shamming. Three alienists, Drs. Mabon, Gregory, and Jeffie, will state that as the result of their observations, and a fourth witness is expected to make the contention convincing. His name is not announced, but he is said to be an inmate of the Tombs, who supplied Waite with books on mental diseases and endeavored to aid the man in preparing to display his callousness and indifference which made his murder confessions in court incredible to many auditors.

Without Moral Balance.  
Above all, both alienists declared, the defendant is a man absolutely without feeling and without a moral balance which would deter him from planning and executing any crime he thought might aid him in his desires.

He freely confessed to them that he figured on murdering his wife in about six months in order to obtain full possession of her property. Then, when he had acquired a million dollars, he would buy an estate up the Hudson and marry a beautiful woman, his intellectual equal. He had never loved his wife, his father, mother, or brothers.

His love for Mrs. Horton was only a temporary affair. He did not regard his wife as his equal either in intellect, attractiveness, or charm. He had always throughout his life attained that which he wanted. If he wanted money, he got it. If he fancied a woman, he got her; if a life stood in the way of his ambition for power, that life would end and he would think nothing more of it.

Denies He Is Crazy.  
"Are you crazy?" the prosecution suddenly asked.

The defendant paused, pursed his lips, appeared in deep thought, and then replied doubtfully: "I think not."

"What?"

"Just as I have said all the time—no."

"And when you wrote and signed that confession in the Tombs you were prepared to pay the full penalty?"

Without a tremor, almost with a smile, came the unhesitating answer: "I am prepared."

"And you do not care what becomes of you?"

"I wish done what is right."

"Now you know the law forbade you to kill John E. Peck?" asked the prosecutor.

"I did."

UPDIKE AND CABARET SINGER NOT MARRIED

(By the Sun News Service.)  
Chicago, May 26.—Judge Kersten today decided that Herbert Updike and Nellie De Onsonne are not man and wife, and stated that he would grant the decree of annulment for the supposed marriage of the son of Furman D. Updike and the cabaret singer, whose name figured so prominently in the astonishing exposure a few months ago of an alleged plot by young Updike and his brother, Irving, to murder their parents.

Louise Hinks, Nellie De Onsonne's husband, testified that he and Miss De Onsonne were married September 14, 1914, and that he had never been served with divorce papers.

Updike was served yesterday with papers in a \$25,000 suit for alienation of affections by Hinks.

Irving and Herbert Updike were indicted on conspiracy charges when the plot to do away with their parents was revealed. At first the well-to-do Oak Parker showed a disposition to push the prosecution of his sons vigorously, but later the charges were dropped.

Seaboard Air Line Railway Changes schedule effective Sunday, May 28. Train 43 will leave Washington 9:30 a. m. Ticket office, 1416 N. Y. ave.—Adv.

## Baker Denounces Warlords And Conditions of Nations; Taft Aims Shafts at Bryan

"It has become intolerable to the human race that unprovoked and aggressive warfare can be brought about by an individual or nation, and when this war in Europe is over, the people are going to demand preventative statesmanship."

This pointed reference to the beginning of the European struggle was the feature of a frank and fearless treatment of the war by Secretary of War Newton Baker before the meeting last night at the Belasco Theater of the League to Enforce Peace, Germany nor any of the belligerent powers was mentioned specifically, but the speaker's pointed inference that the war was due to the unprovoked aggression of one of the powers was in striking contrast to the guarded statements of other speakers.

Mr. Baker declared that the people would not tolerate a repetition of this nightmare and advocated that the United

States, because it had less to gain and more to give way, pave the way for a remedy to any future similar occurrence. He suggested the remedy might be the treatment of any one aggressive, unruly nation as society now treats an unruly individual.

Two thousand prominent bankers, scientists and thinkers gathered in Washington yesterday to attend the sessions of the congress. Former President Taft is president of the league and is presiding over the sessions. Following a morning and afternoon session today, the congress will be brought to a close tonight with a banquet at the New Willard, at which President Wilson will be the principal speaker.

Former President Taft, in his most striking address, ridiculed the "peace-at-

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## Taft Creates Mild Furore At White House Tea Party

By MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

Former President William Howard Taft related the scene of his executive career yesterday afternoon when he was numbered among the guests at the White House garden party at which President and Mrs. Wilson entertained. The all-fresco fête was at its height, with the Marine band playing under the fine old trees and the distinguished company grouped around the tea tables, when a sudden whisper arose: "There's Taft," and another quickly following, "Really? How much thinner he is."

Mr. Taft was never more genial. The interminable line of arriving guests which wound from the east entrance of the White House to the great elm tree under which the hosts stood, paused while the former President shook hands heartily with the present Chief Executive and his wife and remained to chat for

several minutes in delightfully informal fashion. It was the same elm under which Mr. and Mrs. Taft greeted their guests on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary, and there were those in the company yesterday who wondered if the former President were given to reminiscence.

When Mr. Taft at length moved on, there was a concerted rush in his direction, and he was seized upon by a score of folk eager to welcome him to the circle with which he formerly was so prominently identified. When he strolled, the surrounding circle strolled with him, and a tete-a-tete group broke up suddenly at his approach, diplomat and Cabinet officer, matron and maid of official and residential society hastening to greet and be greeted by the popular former President. Mr. Taft remained nearly half an hour chatting with old friends.

## NOTE SCORES MAIL SEIZURES

U. S. Tells Britain and France They Must Cease Interfering.

PRACTICES ARE INTOLERABLE; NEUTRALITY BEING VIOLATED

The reply of the United States to the joint memorandum of the British and French governments on the question of interference with the mails is an emphatic and the State Department believes convincing, legal argument against the present practices of the French and British authorities in their treatment of mails from and to the United States. The note was made public yesterday.

The United States characterizes the wrongs done to American citizens through these practices as intolerable, states that it expects these practices to cease, and adds that only a radical change restoring to the United States its full rights as a neutral power will satisfy this government.

"The British and French practice amounts to an unwarranted limitation of the use of neutrals of the world's highways for the transmission of correspondence," says the protest.

## "I WANT MY BABY," SOBS GIRL IN MATTERS CASE

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 26.—"I want my baby," Margaret Ryan, unwed girl-mother from the Canadian north, made this plea with outstretched arms in the United States District Court before Judge K. M. Landis today. Sobbing, she became hysterical, and was about to collapse when caught in the arms of several women who sat near her.

Miss Ryan was assisted into Judge Landis' chambers and revived.

Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matter, fresh from her victory last night, when a jury found her not guilty of serious conspiracy charges of having fostered a spurious heir to possess herself of the \$250,000 estate of her late husband, Fred Matters, Arcola (Ill.) banker, also claiming to be the mother of the same child, was not unmoved by the sight. Tears welled to her eyes.

"I am sorry for the girl," she sighed. "But I am the real mother of the baby."

## Meyer Livingston Dead.

New York, May 26.—Meyer Livingston, the well-known theatrical man and treasurer of the firm of Klaw & Erlanger, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in this city today.

## Train Waits for Dog.

Clyde, Ohio, May 26.—A New York Central train was held up while a baggage-man chased Mrs. Myra Smith's pet dog and put it aboard the train again.

## Policeman Killed Making Arrest.

San Francisco, Cal., May 26.—Police Sgt. John J. Morarity was shot and killed by an alleged counterfeiter whom he was attempting to arrest for the murder of his two confederates.

## T. R. OUTLINES AMERICANISM

Colonel Tells Authors' League Big Issues Are Defense and World Duty.

WARNS AGAINST USING "BAR SINISTER OF THE HYPHEN"

(By the Sun News Service.)

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 26.—Col. Roosevelt's reply to the Authors' League demand sent today for his leadership in the national crisis, was as follows:

"The one over-mastering issue at this moment is the issue of Americanism; for preparedness and international duty are both of them included in Americanism."

"The world is now passing through a cataclysm of anguish, terror and horror, such as has not been surpassed in all recorded history. It is a time of destruction and also a time of birth. If under such conditions we permit our own sense of national feeling to dwindle, if we permit our people to split into jarring fragments along the lines of creed or national origin, if instead of being all of us Americans we become a tangle of mutually hostile German-Americans, English-Americans, Irish-Americans, or French-Americans, if across the national coat of arms we draw the bar sinister of the hyphen, this republic will have before it only an ignoble life and will be even in peril of seeing that ignoble life ended by ignoble death."

## BORDER PARLEY SANCTIONED.

Secretary Baker Grants Request of Gen. Gavira.

Secretary of War Baker announced yesterday that Gen. Pershing, commanding the American expedition in Mexico, had been authorized to confer with Gen. Gavira, commander of the Carranza forces on the border, at any time and place that was suitable to both.

The conference was requested by Gen. Gavira, who said his purpose was to prevent the possibility of friction between the patrol forces of the two countries.

## Women Hurt in Food Riots.

Amsterdam, May 26.—Eighteen women were wounded in a fight between the police and food rioters in Frankfurt-on-Main on Wednesday night, according to information received here today.

## British Steamer Afire.

Hongkong, May 26.—Following an outbreak of fire, the British steamship Wisley, bound from New York to Vladivostok with a cargo of war munitions, has been beached in Vungro Bay on the coast of Cochln, China. Help has been summoned.

## Vermont Delegates for Hughes.

Montpelier, Vt., May 26.—The eight delegates from Vermont to the Republican national convention were today instructed to vote for the nomination of Justice Charles E. Hughes for the Presidency.

## FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ASSAULT NEAR DOUAUMONT

Beat Back Teutons When Trenches Behind Fort at Verdun Are Stormed.

### GERMAN TRENCH TAKEN

Italians Fall Back on the Astico as Austrian Armies Advance.

### ONSLAUGHT BRAVELY BLOCKED

Most Severe Check Suffered in Lagarina Valley—Victor Emmanuel Goes to Front.

(By the Sun News Service.)

Paris, May 26.—A powerful attack was delivered by the Germans this afternoon against the trenches occupied by the French immediately behind Fort Douaumont when they were compelled to retire from the ruins of the fort itself. French mitrailleuse and rifle fire completely checked the German attempt, while the French artillery shelled German troops, who were deploying in the Bois Chaufour, to the west of the village of Fort Douaumont, to support the attack.

A trench section occupied by the Germans yesterday on the Bois d'Haudromont-Thiaumont farm line, was retaken last night by the French and the French made progress to the north of the Thiaumont farm through hand-grenade attacks.

### Austrians Hammer Away.

London, May 26.—The Austrians continue their heavy hammering at the Italian front in the southern Trentino and Italians have again fallen back on the Astico as a result of a terrific artillery fire concentrated on the line between the Astico and the Posina Valley to the west.

On the rest of the Trentino front the Italians are making a determined stand, and last night and today were holding the Austrian forces back in spite of the continual artillery bombardment and repeated blows by masses of infantry.

The Austrians suffered their most severe check in the Lagarina Valley, where they threw dense masses of troops against the Italians entrenched on the Coni Zugana and the heights of the Buole Pass, between the Adige and the Vallarsa. The Austrian masses suffered heavily under the Italian fire and the attacks failed.

A violent battle which already has continued for over a day was still in progress this evening east of the Asa Valley. Neither side has yet gained any definite success.

Dispatches from Rome announce that King Victor Emmanuel has gone to the Trentino front.

## TOLD HER TO TIE UP HOSE WITH A STRING

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 26.—Hearing on the alienation of affections suit being brought by Mrs. Anna Paul against her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul, was begun today. Mrs. Paul is suing for \$20,000, charging that her husband's parents alienated his affections. Her husband is Robert Paul.

"I lived at their home for three years," she testified, "and they never would let me be alone with my husband. They would not give me sufficient money to buy decent clothing. I only had one pair of stockings all the time I was there."

"One time I asked my husband for some money to buy a corset and Mrs. Paul interrupted, saying, 'You don't need a corset, you are slender enough, and you can tie up your stockings with a piece of string.'"

## TEMPERANCE SOCIETY MOVES.

M. E. Headquarters Shifted from Topeka to National Capital.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 26.—The headquarters of the Church Temperance Society were changed from Topeka, Kan., to Washington, D. C., by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today.

This action was taken because the conference believes the North Atlantic States are to be the great battle ground for temperance during the next quadrennium.

The annuity of the preachers' widows was increased from one-half to three-quarters of that received by retired preachers.

## J. J. Hill Not Seriously Ill.

St. Paul, Minn., May 26.—The condition of J. J. Hill was pronounced not serious this evening, following a conference between Dr. James S. Gilliland, of St. Paul, and Dr. William Mayo, of Rochester, Minn.

## Pope Gives \$1,000 for Refugees.

Rome, May 26.—The Pope has given \$1,000 for the relief of the refugees from Vicenza province who are fleeing before the Austrian advance.

## Quickest Service to Baltimore.

Baltimore and Ohio "Every Hour on the Hour" \$1.50 Saturdays and Sundays. Other days \$1.75 round trip.—Adv.

## Carranza Will Be at War With U. S. Within a Month, Predict American Probers

By ARTHUR CONSTANTINE.

(International News Service.)

El Paso, May 26.—Three Americans who came up to the border today from Chihuahua City, predicted that the Carranzista army would be fighting the United States punitive expedition within thirty days.

They based their cocksure predictions on the unprecedented troop arrivals in Chihuahua City, on the elaborate preparation they saw being made to equip Treviño's army, and on the plentiful fight talk they heard during their ten days in Chihuahua City.

The returning Americans brought this information: Forty-seven troop trains have jammed into Chihuahua City in the past ten days. These trains have brought approx-

mately 30,000 troops from the south to the north.

Four trains of cavalry have accompanied the rush of Carranzista troops to the frontier.

One of the arriving Americans said he counted fifty-six pieces of artillery on incoming trains. He estimated the equipment of artillery in Treviño's command at close to 100 pieces.

"I had never dreamed before," he said, "that there was all that artillery in Mexico. But I saw enough of it to be convinced."

Chihuahua City was greatly excited over the situation, said the Americans. The government-owned press of the state capital had lately broken loose with one anti-gringoes creed after another and the populace were doing their part to make life disagreeable for the few lingering Americans there.

## Morgan's Office Boy Steals \$10,000; Will Get Spanking

(By the Sun News Service.)

New York, May 26.—There is a 16-year-old boy in this city that is going to get the grandest spanking a boy ever got. The name of the 16-year-old boy is Willie McManus, and he lived with his mother in Brooklyn. He wasn't with her tonight. He was very much at large with exactly \$10,516.32 belonging to the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Morgan and his associates have no present intention of trying to send to jail the lad who proved faithless to a trust. They regard him simply as a foolish boy, grown wild-eyed and erratic from too much dime-novel reading, and from too much movie melodrama.

For months he had been a floor boy in the banking house at Broad and Wall streets. One of his duties was to obtain

every Friday morning from the cashier the tray of pay envelopes that were to be distributed among the employees in the export department, and turn them over to the manager for distribution.

This morning the cashier had not "made up" the pay envelopes when Willie appeared at the wicket. He had the cash ready, together with the slip showing how much each man in the export department was entitled to.

"I'll do it for you," said Willie. "Give me the cash."

Mr. Knowles considered the boy to be quite trustworthy and handed to him \$10,516.32. Willie departed. So did his companion floor boy and chum, William Joseph Bain.

The boys hadn't been found up to a late hour tonight.

## SULTAN WARS UPON BRITISH

Ruler of Darfur Defeated Following Clash With Government of Sudan.

PROVINCE'S CAPITAL TAKEN; SULTAN LOSES 1,000 TROOPS

(By the International News Service.)

London, May 26.—Trouble between Alidmir, Sultan of Darfur, and the government of the Sudan, has led to a clash between a mixed force under a British commander and the Sultan's soldiers. El Fasher, capital of Darfur, has fallen. The Sultan's losses are estimated to have been 1,000 men.

El Fasher is about 300 miles southwest of Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan.

A war office statement regarding the action, issued tonight, says:

"The attitude of Alidmir, Sultan of Darfur, towards the government of the Sudan, for some time has been unsatisfactory and truculent. In February he began concentrating a force of men on the Kordofan frontier at Jebel-el-Hella. A mixed force, of all arms, under Col. Kelly, assembled at Hahud and at the end of March occupied Umshanga and Jebel-el-Hella. Subsequently our force moved forward to Abiad, where preparations were made to advance upon Rifasher, Alidmir's capital."

"The enemy's attacks were met by our withering fire. Our troops counter-attacked, totally defeating the Sultan's forces. Their minimum losses are estimated at 1,000 men."

"Sultan Alidmir is reported to have fled with a small following early on the morning of the 23rd."

## "POLLY WANTS A VOTE."

Parrot Will Shout for Suffragists in Chicago Parade.

Chicago, May 26.—Believing in the efficacy of publicity, women planning the suffrage parade that will wind up their convention here on June 7, today enlisted a staunch ally, and one that will obey party mandates. The new ally is a parrot, renamed "Votes."

So far, "Votes" vocabulary consists of these:

"Votes for women!"

"Sign them up!"

"Polly's going to march!"

"Polly wants a vote."

## Philippines Educator Quits.

Kendallville, Ind., May 26.—Frank L. Crone, director of education in the Philippines, has advised his parents here that he has resigned on account of ill health. The resignation is to take effect June 26.

## Babe Falls 25 Feet; Cooes.

Chicago, May 26.—Two-year-old Viola Kleyhauer, 840 Oglesby avenue, fell twenty-five feet out of an attic window and escaped uninjured. When George Keller, brother of Mrs. Kleyhauer, mother of the infant, picked up the baby, it cooed and laughed.

## 34 Children Faint from Heat.

Anderson, Ind., May 26.—Thirty-four children, participating in drills in preparation for today's centennial exercises, fainted from the excessive heat.

## ZAPATA STARTS REIGN OF BLOOD AGAINST ALIENS

Notorious Bandit Leader Launches New Campaign of Terrorism, Embassy Says.

### AIMED AT AMERICANS

Mexican Officials Here Learn That Outlaw Intends to War on Traveling Foreigners.

### TO ATTACK RAILWAY TRAINS

State Department Receives Official Account of Battle Between Americans and Villistas.

Gen. Emiliano Zapata, leader of the notorious bandits who have been operating in the vicinity of Mexico City and in the territory lying between the Mexican capital and Vera Cruz, has launched a new campaign of terrorism against all foreigners and particularly Americans, according to a warning issued last night by the Mexican Embassy.

The announcement states that Zapata has declared his intention no longer to fight the Carranzistas, but to confine all future operations to attacks on railway trains with a view to slaughtering traveling foreigners.

Inasmuch as Zapata has several times of late succeeded in cutting off railroad communication between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, the situation has occasioned considerable alarm here. At the present time American consuls in Mexico, acting under instructions from the State Department, are endeavoring to persuade all Americans who will listen to leave Mexico. There are now more than a thousand Americans in Mexico City, most of whom, in leaving for the United States, would have to use the railroad between the capital and Vera Cruz.

### Has Threatened Massacre.

Zapata, who was at one time an ally of Carranza, has frequently boasted that he would succeed in getting control of the country, and by completely destroying all telegraph and other systems of communication, would isolate Mexico from the rest of the world.

Confirmation of the battle on Thursday at Cruces, Mex., between a detachment of Carranza's forces and Villistas, in which one American soldier was killed, and two wounded, and in which Cervantes and Bencomo, two Villista leaders, were killed, was received at the War Department yesterday afternoon in the following official report:

"Field Headquarters, Nampiquipa, May 25.—Candelario Cervantes, notorious Villista outlaw, second only to Villa, and the principal leader in the attack on Columbus, N. Mex., was killed this morning in a fight with a detachment from Cruces, six miles southeast of that camp. Detachment of soldiers consisted of seven men of the machine gun company of the Seventh Infantry, two engineers and one man of the Quartermaster Corps, out hunting cattle for beef and skidding road. Attacked by twenty men under Cervantes. Fight lasted forty-five minutes."

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